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## Ex-Italy Spy Chief Denies Agency Link to Agca

ROME, Dec. 6 (Reuters) — A former Italian intelligence chief denied in court today that his agents had persuaded Mehmet Ali Agca to implicate Bulgaria in a plot to kill Pope John Paul II in May 1981.

The official, Gen. Nino Lugaresi, director of the military intelligence department at the time, said that two agents visited Mr. Agca in jail but that it was the Turkish gunman who suggested the meeting.

General Lugaresi said an agent from his department and another from the civilian intelligence agency visited Mr. Agca after the Turk asked for a meeting, hoping to trade his revelations for a reduction of his life sentence. The two agents "explained to him that the services in Italy do not have such powers," the general said.